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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:109
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RELEASING OF CENTRAL SHARE OF SAVING CUM RELIEF SCHEME FOR FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to accord administrative sanction to the old pattern of contribution and to release the pending amount of Rs.893 lakhs to Kerala Government onaccount of the Central share of Saving-cum-Relief Scheme for fishermen for 1991-92 onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):

(a) to (c) No such proposal of Government of Kerala is under consideration at present.The saving-cum-relief (SCR) component of the Centrally Sponsored National Scheme of Welfareof Fishermen was revised in 2000-2001. As per revised funding pattern of SCR component, the marine fishers has to contribute Rs.75 per month instead of Rs.45 during the non-lean periodof 8 months. The accumulated amount together with matching amount shared by the Central and State Government on 50:50 basis is disbursed to the beneficiaries in four monthly instalments of Rs.300 each during the lean period. The Central assistance is extended to the States including Kerala on receipt of proposals as per existing guidelines of the scheme. However, Central assistance of Rs. 485.5 lakh has been extended to State of Kerala in 2002-03 under various schemes for the benefit of fishermen.